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Request for Extension of Time

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2004, extending the period for response up to and including October 18, 2004. A Payment Form covering the extension fee is enclosed. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1129. If additional fees are required to keep this case pending, or if payment cannot be made otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to take any fees necessary from Deposit Account No. 50-1129.

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